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UNION CITY WOMAN CONVICTED ON CRACK COCAINE - MAIL SCHEME

JACKSON: Terry L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, announced today the conviction of **CANDY JENKINS**, 43, of Union City for possession of over 50 grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. **JENKINS** was convicted today after a two day jury trial in United States District Court in Jackson for her role in a scheme to ship crack cocaine to West Tennessee from California using Express Mail deliveries. She faces from **10 years to life in federal prison and a fine of up to \$4,000,000** as a result of the conviction. **JENKINS** will be sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Todd on April 12th in Jackson.

During the trial, the jury heard testimony of ten (10) Express Mail deliveries to **JENKINS'** residence from fictitious or vacant addresses in California. The evidence included a written statement by **JENKINS** admitting the receipt of \$50 for each package, which averaged two per month since last May. On September 25, 2001, officers made a controlled delivery of a suspect parcel to **JENKINS** and upon seizing it, found it to contain 100 grams of crack cocaine.

Harris had special praise for the professionalism of U.S. Postal Service employees in Union City in detecting the drug shipments. He also commended the work of the Union City Police Department in assisting Inspector Brad Kramer of the United States Postal Inspection Service during the course of his investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Len Register tried the case for the government.

